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Ex parte: RANDOLPH E. CRUTCHFIELD

Application No. 10/045,524
Technology Center 2600

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Before KRISTA ZELE *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*
ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 29, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Appellant filed Information Disclosure StatementS (IDS) dated June 4, 2007 and October 24, 2007. There is no indication on the record that the Examiner has considered the above Information Disclosure Statements. MPEP § 609 requires the Examiner to consider any Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant if timely submitted. A written communication notifying Appellant of the Examiner's consideration of the above Information Disclosure Statement is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 4, 2007 and October 24, 2007; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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